

# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which victims are forced to work in various forms of labor exploitation through force, fraud, or coercion; and

**WHEREAS**, due to its isolating nature, many individuals across the globe are unaware that trafficking exists in their neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 20 million men, women, and children around the world are victims of human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is ranked as third in the nation for the number of calls placed to the national human trafficking hotline; and

**WHEREAS**, fighting human trafficking is a shared responsibility, all Charlotte County citizens should educate themselves about all forms, signs, and consequences of human trafficking, and to work together to end this most serious, ongoing human rights violation; and

**WHEREAS**, the challenge is upon each one of us to join the fight and end the slavery of human trafficking in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the month of January 2017 shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

### *Human Trafficking Awareness Month*

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
William G. Truex, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Roger Eaton, Clerk of Circuit  
Court and Ex-officio Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Raymond J. Sandroock, County Administrator